

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Shigeru NAKATSU et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**
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METHOD FOR RECOVERING NOBLE METALS
FROM METALLIC CARRIER CATALYTIC DEVICE
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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